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Upcoming Events



October 19 (Extended Deadline)

Proposal Deadline for the
National Cross-Cultural
Counseling & Education
Conference | Savannah, GA
[More Information](#)

October 30

COE Faculty Qualitative
Methods Development Session
COE 2148 | 12 - 2 pm
Statesboro Campus

October 31

Proposal Deadline for the 7th
Annual International Critical
Media Literacy Conference
[More Information](#)

November 1

Graduate School Fair
Statesboro Campus
Russell Union Ballroom
10am - 1pm

Armstrong Campus

College of Education names annual faculty and staff award winners

Two Eagle Educators have been named the top assistant principals of middle and high schools across the state by the Georgia Association of Secondary School Principals (GASSP), which annually recognizes outstanding assistant principals from secondary schools.



Tammy Jacobs ('01,'05) is the assistant principal at South Effingham High School (SEHS) where she has served in administration for 11 years. Jacobs was named both the GASSP High School Assistant Principal of the Year and

the 2019 GASSP Assistant Principal of the Year to represent the state of Georgia in the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) Assistant Principal of the Year awards.



Fellow Eagle Educator and GASSP Middle School Assistant Principal of the Year award recipient **Elizabeth Bennett, Ed.D.**

('05,'11) serves as the assistant principal and athletic director at

Richmond Hill Middle School (RHMS).

Student Union Ballroom, 2nd fl.
4pm - 7pm

November 1

Eagle QuaRC Fall Symposium
Armstrong Campus
Student Union, Ogeechee Blrm
10am - 12pm
[More Information](#)

November 2

College of Education Visit Day
Statesboro Campus
11am - 4pm
[More Information](#)

November 12

Proposal Deadline for the
Interdisciplinary STEM Teaching
and Learning Conference
[More Information](#)

November 15

Education Career Fair
Statesboro Campus
Nessmith-Lane Center
10am - 1pm

November 16

Education Career Fair
Armstrong Campus
Student Union Ballroom, 2nd fl.
10am - 1pm

November 19-23

Thanksgiving Holidays for
Students; No classes

November 22-23

*University Closed for
Thanksgiving Holidays*

November 30

Last Day of Classes, Full Term

December 1-6

Final Exams, Fall Full Term

[See COE Event Calendar](#)

>>> [Read full story.](#)

STEMFest returns with a bang, slime and even an alpaca



The STEM Festival event returned to Georgia Southern University this year as STEMFest 2018. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Nessmith-Lane Conference Center on the Statesboro Campus, community members filled the hallways and ballroom to experience hands-on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education activities.

Free and open to the public, this event hosted over 800 area PreK-12 students, not including guardians, faculty, staff and volunteers in attendance.

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College of Education alumnus receives national recognition for administration role



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College of Education alumnus **Jeff Kelly, Ed.D. ('96)**, who earned a bachelor's in middle grades education from Georgia Southern University, was named a 2018 National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP) Outstanding Middle Level Assistant Principal of the Year.

Recognizing the significant role assistant principals play in the overall academic achievement of students, the NAESP recognition program honors one assistant principal (PreK-8) from each state annually and highlights his or her efforts for student achievement and educational excellence.

>>> [Read full story.](#)

Georgia Southern hosts record numbers for Future GA Educator Day



On Thursday, September 27, over 300 high school students interested in pursuing a teaching career visited Georgia Southern University for Future Georgia Educators (FGE) Day hosted at the Nessmith Lane Conference Center on the Statesboro Campus.

During the event, students were provided various opportunities to learn about the teaching profession. Georgia Southern College of Education faculty and students presented workshop sessions on topics such as assistive technology for special education, school counseling, math education, language and cultural diversity in the classroom, and various teaching technologies that enhance classroom learning.

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Additional Headlines



[Cross-Cultural Counseling & Education Conference accepting proposals](#)

Deadline extended to October 19



[International Critical Media Literacy Conference accepting proposals](#)



[Interdisciplinary STEM Teaching & Learning Conference set for March 21-32](#)

Accepting proposals through Nov. 12



[National Youth-At-Risk Conference announces keynote speakers](#)

30th annual conference is scheduled for March 3-6 in Savannah

Faculty Updates

Mete Akcaoglu, Ph.D., associate professor in the Dept. of Leadership, Technology and Human Development, served as a guest editor of [a special issue of the Interdisciplinary Journal of Problem-Based Learning](#), focusing on tinkering in a technology-rich design context. The issue not only provides examples but also encourages the problem-based learning (PBL) and makers community to explore new tinkering, making and computational thinking activities in a problem-based learning context to further enhance our understanding of them in various contexts. The journal itself and this special issue can be freely accessed, as IJPBL is an open-access journal. The guest editors' introduction can also be read [here](#).

On October 9, **Richard Cleveland, Ph.D.**, assistant professor in the Dept. of Leadership, Technology and Human Development, was a guest on [The Academic Minute](#), a national production that features researchers from colleges and universities around the world. Cleveland spoke about his ongoing research exploring how mindfulness can help law enforcement during stressful situations. To listen, visit [The Academic Minute archives](#).

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COE donors provide for 24 annual endowed scholarships

On October 6, Georgia Southern University hosted a scholarship brunch to recognize all of the individuals and corporations that are philanthropic partners with University. The brunch was an opportunity for the donors to meet the students who have been impacted by their generosity. At the 2018 brunch, College of Education was represented by **Kathy and**



David Harrell(Harold M. and Catherine D. Standiford Memorial Scholarship), **Tom and Sandy Bigwood** (Juanita Clifton Memorial Scholarship), **Shelia and Spence Hoynes**(Planned Gift), **Miriam and Dan Hagan** (Bazemore-Fetzer-Hagan Memorial Scholarship) and **Holmes Ramsey** (Anne Waters Ramsey Scholarship). These donors spent the afternoon meeting the students that are being supported by each of their scholarships and heard firsthand how their generosity is making a difference in the student's life.

The College of Education would like to take the opportunity thank everyone who has provided a donation to the College. Each academic year Georgia Southern has been able to provide 24 endowed scholarships that assist 28 students with the cost of their education with the generous support of our donors. In addition to the endowed scholarships, the College has six current use scholarships and several departmental funds that have assisted hundreds of students with funding for the cost of tuition, books and even travel expenses for

professional development and conferences. Every dollar donated to the College of Education directly impacts our students' and their educational experiences at Georgia Southern University.

Thank you, Eagle Nation supporters!

For information on how you can support the College of Education, please contact John Ramfford at jramfford@georgiasouthern.edu.